

APPENDIX I

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The regional planning group identified a list of potential strategies to achieve the five-year vision. The next step of the regional planning process will involve setting priorities among the strategies, and developing a workplan. The potential strategies are categorized into the following areas: Planning and Coordination; Research and Analysis; Regional Services, and Regional Funding.

Regional Planning and Coordination:

- Representatives of HUD, state and local federal entitlement jurisdictions, PHAs, and Metro will meet regularly:
 - to share information;
 - to develop a specialized action agenda.
 - to refer policy and program recommendations to the respective decision-making bodies.
- Encourage more coordination among various policy planning and funding processes. (e.g. Consolidated Plan and local Comprehensive Plans, State of Oregon Community Solutions Teams, workforce strategies, or plans by State Commission on Children and Families).
- Develop a regional strategy (or approach) to the preservation or replacement of existing affordable housing.
- Coordinate HUD, State of Oregon, State of Washington and other technical assistance programs to focus on some issues from a regional perspective.
- Explore mechanism for regional citizen involvement and oversight.

Regional Funding:

- Support the development of regional funds for land acquisition, and housing development and rehabilitation; and/or support pilot projects that meet regional objectives.
- Explore the feasibility of developing new funds for a regional workforce-housing fund that will leverage public and private funds.

Regional Services

Explore the feasibility of establishing a regional consumer-oriented information and referral function for housing programs and services.

Research and Analysis:

- Develop protocol to collect and use consistent data that can be aggregated and analyzed at the regional level.
- Explore the feasibility of a regional needs assessments and market analysis when the 2000 Census data is available.
- Develop a “tool-box” of regional best practices, including local accomplishments, with objective of educating people, and building support for housing advocacy efforts at the regional level.
- Where feasible, develop regional approaches or strategies for specific population (e.g. elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.), or for particular functional areas (e.g. workforce, fair housing, employment, workforce, childcare, housing, etc.)
- In particular, the following populations or functions may be better addressed regionally than by each jurisdiction:
 - A regional continuum of care for the elderly and disabled;
 - A regional employment strategy that reflects a regional analysis of jobs/housing/transportation and service balance.
 - A regional analysis of fair housing, with a regional implementation and enforcement plan.